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HOW TO STOP THE POTHUNTER.
In last week's issue of the Central
Virginia, Louisa's progressive news-
paper, a correspondent protested
against the destruction of game by
pothunters and the ruthless meth-
ods of pothunters in his neighborhood.
E. B. Hansen, of the Arlington Stock
Farm, in this week's issue, declared
that the pothunter in his district is
not so vicious, for hunting of squirrels
and rabbits has been going on
freely for weeks, and one man proudly
replies that he had killed six young
rabbits this season. It is scandalous
to see the way beautiful white tails
are cut down in the woods by night
hunts, regardless of who owns the
timber, but even this is not half as
bad as the damage done by the worthless
dogs roaming the fields by day
and night, trailing the mother rabbit
to her bed and destroying the young
rabbits, as well as quails' nests."

For the dog pest, Mr. Hansen sug-
gests higher license fee for canines,
and would compel a collar to be put
upon them when licensed. If this were
done, in his opinion, there would not
be so many stray dogs.

The greatest damage wrought, how-
ever, is by the pothunter, the shift-
ing, ne'er-do-well, who spends his time
and finds his subsistence by wanton
destruction of game secured by him when
trespassing upon other people's land.
He kills any kind of game, at any age,
at any season, in any quantity. Such
game laws as exist belong in Joe
Miller's book, so far as restraint
upon him is involved. He shoots what
he wants when he wants it. Often, as
Mr. Hansen points out, he destroys
green timber.

"What we need is to have the Legis-
lature make laws and to enforce them
for protecting the game," says Mr. Hansen,
with decided emphasis on the en-
forcement. Here again he hits the
nail on the head. If there is to be
proper conservation of game, to re-
sultant increase in the supply, instead
of its entire destruction, Virginia must
have an efficient system of game pro-
tection such as that proposed in the
Monroe-Rutherford game law at the
last session of the General Assembly.
Such a system would impose only a
reasonable restraint upon hunting,
but self-sustaining would provide
adequate machinery for enforcement
and would doubtless treble the
supply of game of all sorts in the Com-
monwealth. The essential features of
this method of protection and enforcement
of the hunting laws by wardens,
who are to be paid out of license fees
collected from persons who are, with
certain just exceptions, not hunting
upon their own land. The system forces
the pothunter to pay a license fee or
face up to it."

Yet other citizens like Mr. Hansen,
who desire cessation of the wholesale
destruction of game in defiance of all
right and reason come forward before
the next General Assembly and
in letters to newspapermen and to
their legislators make known their demand
for an enforceable system of game
protection and game preservation.

WHAT WILL THE CAVALRY DO?
This was a brilliant review of
Confederate cavalry before President
Wilson and the reporters by Wad-
sworth, member of the query, what
was the Civil War cavalry name in
modern warfare? The old massed
charge with bayonet charges and
charging horses was an exciting thing.
The power and glory of war has de-
creased on the modern field to a great
extent. In modern, the cavalry branch
has also furnished the eyes and long
arms of a general. They served in
infantry and

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victims.

In cartooning the average is very
high. There is more individuality and
better craftsmanship than ever before.
The modern cartoonist is a much better
man than his predecessors. He can
use more various media. This is partly
due to improved mechanical reproduc-
tion which permits of the crasser sup-
plementing the pen.

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rare, honest, wholesome school of
young men with training, insight,
and humor, begins to put real
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cold liver oil and sunflower?

How will you celebrate Columbus
Day?

MUST ECHO THE PEOPLE'S VOICE.

"Why will The Times-Dispatch con-
tinue to amble after the shadow and
refuse to follow the substance of timely
and substantial reforms?" inquires that
the Marion American, declaring that
this newspaper "continues to talk about
tax reforms and reformation of the
primary law and refuses to say anything
in favor of reforming and purifying
the election laws."

The Times-Dispatch stands as it has
always stood, for the most efficient
system of nomination for and election
to public office. From the beginning
of the elective process to the end, we
demand absolute incorruption and
accuracy in the recordation of the will
of the people. We have never con-
sciously let pass an opportunity to urge
purity and efficiency in our system of
choosing public servants. When the
General Assembly of 1912 was in ses-
sion we urged, as a companion measure
to a legalized primary statute, what
should be known as the Phlegm pure
election bill, which, if passed, would
have established a most effective
deterrent against corrupt practices in
elections. Time after time we have
urged the enactment of a drastic cor-
rupt practices act for Virginia similar
to that of Wisconsin and like enlightened
Commonwealths. The Times-Dis-
patch has advocated every wise reform
in the election system that has been
brought to its notice, and will continue
to do so.

In fact, The Times-Dispatch fails to
see how any newspaper could take a
position in advocacy of primary reform
that would not involve reformation and
purification of the election laws. If
the primary be thoroughly legalized, it
will be on a parity with any other
election as to the safeguards which
establish incorruption and accuracy.

What changes in the election laws
does the Marion American suggest?
What abuses would it remedy, and
what evils end? The Times-Dispatch
stands ready now, as it has ever been,
to join with all right-minded men and
right-thinking newspapers in an en-
deavor to reform the system of nomi-
nation and election to such approxi-
mation of perfection as can be at-
tained.

POPULAR PICTURES.
It is an interesting fact in modern
illustration that the pictures are all
too pretty or too ugly. We do not
mean photographs, for in the quantity
and quality of news photographs, each
day seems to bring improvement. There
is more life and action in our news-
paper and magazine half-tones, as well
as a keener idea of beauty. Yet in
our illustrations by hand for weeklies
and magazines we are constantly meet-
ing the supremely ugly view of life, or
the supremely pretty milk-and-water
illusion. It is not wonderful that Col-
lier's Weekly complains that there is
no sane popular illustration. It is all
fads."

On one hand we have the pretty girl
stage. From the front of our maga-
zines, weekly and monthly, smiles the
typical lady. She wears good clothes
and a silly look. She varies a little in
coloring and profile between artists,
though the ladies of the same man all
seem the same lady in a different dress.
There is no real beauty in such work.
It is not true, and it is not vital. It
gives no interpretation of character,
unless, indeed, American character is
running into the same name mold.
The student of art wonders at the public
sense and also at the vanity of the
artists. We miss Gibson's clever side-
lights on current life, even if he did
event the "Gibson girl."

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DOUBLE STARS FOR GOETHALS.
A plan has been put forward to pro-
mote Colonel George W. Goethals, chief
engineer of the Panama Canal, to a
major-general, in recognition of his
brilliant services to the country in the
successful construction of the "big
ditch" that has been the dream of cen-
turies. The proposal is sealed with the
approval of the people of the United
States. Colonel Goethals merits double
stars by the sheer weight of his ability,
he is not given to political intrigue or
partisan wire-pulling.

His was a rare opportunity such as
comes to few men, but he measured
up to it in a manner that has caused
the admiration of the world to beat
down upon him. It is adequate testi-
mony to the efficiency of the Engineering
Corps of the United States Army that
the first man selected from its ranks
for this herculean endeavor
made good. From that arm of the ser-
vices have come many valorous and illustri-
ous Americans, and one of them was
he who, winning his spurs as a captain
of engineers, at Vera Cruz, became the
greatest of Confederate captains in
victory and the noblest of Americans
in defeat. Other engineers could have
done the work that Goethals has done,
but the hour chose him and the honor
is his.

If the Panama Canal had been left
out to some private corporation as the
lowest bidder, and had Goethals been
the chief engineer of that concern, he
would have commanded a Presidential
salary. He has served the public
cause instead and at a compensation
of \$5,000 and certain allowances for
housing and subsistence. He deserves
well of the republic. If he shall be
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sion will be only just recognition
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THE BETTER VIRGINIA FARM.

No farmer of Virginia can fail to find
a source of pride and encouragement
in the beautiful and impressive exhibit
of farm products made this week in the
building at the State Fair devoted to
the results of farm demonstration. This
is the central fact of the whole
exposition. By the fruits shall we
know things. It is true that these
farm products are not in all cases the
ultimate product, as the grain and
grass may be translated into cattle,
yet they represent what has so far been
done for the better farm in Virginia.

We agree with Governor Mann, in
his talk to the demonstration agents,

that Virginia has done much.

The booths of fine staples are ample proof,

but we also agree with Bradford

Knapp, head of the United States

demonstration work, that much remains

to be done. Even if we have achieved

equal rank with many Western States

in corn and other products, we must

do more, for we have been blessed

with a better climate and a more stable

rainfall than have these lands.

In the broad view, a fertile, well-watered State

has a great duty in contributing to the

support of the nation every bushel and
bale that it can eke from the land, without
injuring the land. Better farming is not alone a duty that Virginia
owes itself. It is a duty we owe

to the rest of the country.

For this and other reasons, we wish

every farmer in Virginia might have

heard Mr. Knapp's talk at the Mansion

before the demonstration agents.

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